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## **SBA Announces Annual Award Winners**

### **James T. Gallagher, Owner of Whoopie Pie Café in Bangor Named Young Entrepreneur of the Year for Maine**

Augusta, Maine – Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the winner of its annual Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for 2016. James T. Gallagher of Whoopie Pie Café has been selected for this prestigious honor for Maine.

“It is always heartwarming to see the creativity and determination that young entrepreneurs like James bring to their businesses,” said Marilyn Geroux, SBA District Director for Maine.

“Thanks in part to assistance from the SBA’s Small Business Development Center Program, James’ business has grown very quickly. He is truly a role model for other young entrepreneurs in Maine,” she added.

Gallagher was nominated for this award by Donald Smith of Penobscot County Federal Credit Union, who said, “I am proud to know James and even more proud of the fact that Penobscot County Federal Credit Union has been a part of his success. James’ work ethic is incredible, and that is highlighted by the fact that he sold more than 10,000 whoopie pies in a one month period last summer while attending fairs and local shows.”

Mr. Gallagher will be honored at an SBA reception on May 4th, 2016 at the Augusta Civic Center.

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